CD525 (FFK 4-1)
JEHoover, spectrographic analysis
CD107:5 (JBC-2)

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When Eisenberg asked John F. Gallagher, the man who performed the spectrographic analysis and was never asked to testify about it, about q neutron-activation analysis, Hoover responded under date of March 18.

He repeated three questions asked by Eisenberg, hardly the basic issues. Then he asks "would neutron activation analysis show if a bullet passed through the hole in the front of President Kennedy's shirt...if a bullet passed through the material of his tie?"

The latter is false, for no bullet passed through any part of the tie, and this was known. Rather, nothing passed through. There is merely a slit. The same is true of the hole in the shirt. It also is a slit.

Hoover's conclusion is that the spectro is sufficiently sensitive to eliminate the need for the second test, although he phrases it differently.

Meanwhile, his answer numbered "4", translated into plainer English, really says no traces of the passage of a bullet exist in the damage to the front of the shirt or the tie. He does not say that the presence of blood or any other material on it, conjecturing a back-to-front flight path, could have insulated the fabric against any traces from the conjectured projectile.

The single page from the JBC-2 file, originally part of CD107, refers to all recovered fragments as "tiny". I cite this because of the CD371 receipt listing of an FBI receipt for a "missle" recovered from the President's body. If this is in reference to any fragment of which we know, this CD107 reference and description seems to render invalid any description of such a fragment as a "missle". Conversely, the CD371 receipt seems to cast doubt on the integrity of the CD107 description.